

Department of Human Services

Information Bulletin

To: Agency Providers, Distribution
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Subject: **Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Standard First Aid Training**

Background

The Department of Human Services in collaboration with Community Service Providers and the Division of Developmental Disabilities to support compliance in meeting the N.J.A.C. 10:44A-2.7 "Staff Training Requirements for Standard First Aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)" puts forth the following guidelines.

Guidelines

Community Service Providers may now choose a training entity, which meets current Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) guidelines, through which certification in Standard First Aid and CPR is obtained. The ECC Guidelines provide recommendations regarding how to resuscitate victims in the event of a cardiovascular emergency. The guidelines represent a consensus reached by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) whose membership includes seven international resuscitation organizations and are available through the American Heart Association at: <http://guidelines.ecc.org/index.html>.

Community Service Providers shall obtain, and make available to the Office of Licensing during inspections, documentation that the training entity utilizes a curriculum in compliance with the ECC guidelines. The documentation shall be a statement, on the entity letter head, that their training content/curriculum meets the ECC Guidelines.

Additionally in accordance with Division Circular #31 "First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training" Agencies shall ensure staff competency through the successful completion of a standard First Aid and CPR course which shall include:

- In person course with a certified instructor; on-line certifications are not acceptable.
- Successful completion of a skills/practicum;
- Successful completion of a competency assessment;
- Re-certification every (2) years to include skills and competency assessment

The licensing standards N.J.A.C.10:44A, N.J.A.C.10:44B and N.J.A.C.10:44C are available at the Department of Human Services Office of Licensing Website at:
<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ool/licensing/>